



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
17th January 2025**



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week we have launched our new Christian value 'Love' which links well with our previous value of 'Kindness' from last term. At the beginning of the week in collective worship the children reflected on the theme of love woven through the Christmas story. Following on from this, Mrs Jones led a collective worship linked to the Prodigal Son and since then we have considered how we can show love by sharing what we have with others- our time, kind words, our friends or our toys. Mrs Jones has created a new reflection area in the school entrance for the children to use linked to the new value.

Last week Miss Sapsed has had some unexpected surgery on her hand which she fractured before Christmas. She is currently recuperating and we have supply cover for Reception in her absence. We all wish her a speedy recovery and the class are looking forward to welcoming her back when she is feeling back to herself.

It has been another full on week in school and our new nursery children have settled in incredibly well. Already they are following the class routines and taking part in the full curriculum.

This week we have been working in conjunction with CDEC , a local global learning charity, to plan lessons linked to biodiversity to enrich our science curriculum further with more opportunities for outdoor learning. Our children will be working alongside one of their team members later in the spring term as part of our science curriculum. We also have some exciting STEAM opportunities coming up for all of the children later this term.

We are delighted that our Key Stage 1 children's work will be on display at the Beacon Museum from tomorrow as part of the Inspired by Industry exhibition. The exhibition opens tomorrow and runs until Sunday 30th March.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore







## Attendance update



We are continuing to push for outstanding school attendance to maintain our standing in the top 10% of schools Nationally.

Based on the DFE Government and Local Authority Attendance Strategy, Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for some of our families this week for term time holidays. Any unauthorised absences totalling 10 sessions (5 days) can incur a fixed penalty notice. *These fines are not issued by the school and the school do not receive the money.*

The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

The second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. There is a limit of 3 fixed penalty notices as the next step is prosecution.

Our attendance policy is available to view on our school website for further details.

**Punctuality** is also a key part of the attendance strategy and we monitor and keep a log of 'minutes late' as this impacts on lost learning time. Please help us with our push for punctuality by ensuring your child is ready for the doors opening at **8.40am**.

## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions without the need for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may help children to feel better and get back to school as soon as possible.

There is no need to make an appointment. This scheme is being offered by Boots Pharmacy.

Common conditions covered by the scheme include support for: earache, impetigo, infected bites and stings and sore throats.

Further information can be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as [www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first](https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first)

Donations wanted please...

# DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

We are still looking for donations to replenish our 'spares' stock for when children have 'accidents' in school. This includes trousers/ leggings, underwear, socks from 3- 10 years as we have some taller children too. If your child has outgrown any of the items listed we would be grateful for anything you can donate.

## Bouncing Books Donation in Tanzania



It was lovely to receive an email from a charity who has helped us to donate reading books for children overseas...

St James Infant school

Whitehaven

13th January 2025

Bouncing Books Tanzania

I believe it may have been 2023 when I came to St James to collect almost 500kg of reading books, which you so kindly donated to my daughter and son in law's charity; Bouncing Books.

Following the collection of more books for shipping purposes, they have now arrived in Tanzania and the schools there are eagerly awaiting delivery of them.

Bouncing Books are now building their 3rd school library in remote parts of northern Tanzania and can be followed on Instagram and Facebook

Both the schools and their children have never had any access to books of any kind and the thrill and enjoyment these children get when it is their classes turn to have their library session is immeasurable.

Please let your pupils and staff know how valued your contribution has been and how gratefully they have been received.

Apologies for the length of time it has been since I visited you, but wheels can turn slowly, and we had to wait until we had enough books to part fill a shipping container.

With sincerest thanks to you, you're staff and parents

Jennifer Jackson

Asante Sana

(Swahili for thank you )

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Rudy

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Teddy

Melbreak- Harper

Catbells- Anderson

Scafell- Asal

Skiddaw- Elijah

### **Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Ivy, Zack, Mahnaz and Oliver

Congratulations to our group of bronze and silver reading award winners and to our group of children who have achieved certificates and medals outside of school in football, swimming and gymnastics.







# Family Service

**First Sunday of each month**

**11.30am til 12 noon**

**At St. James' Church**

**Followed by free bacon butties in the  
Community Centre**



**A service specially for families with young  
children, but all are most welcome!**

**2nd February**

**2nd March**

# ST. JAMES TODDLER GROUP

Come join us and be sure of a warm welcome, where everyone can feel relaxed. From the tiniest of babies, right up to those starting school and their carers.



2pm to 3pm

St James' Community Centre

(opposite Church)

7th & 21st of January

4th February

4th & 18th March

(with refreshments)

## New Year, New Start

Would you like help and advice with your money matters, budgeting, energy bills and training opportunities?

Join us at our event on Wednesday 15th January 2025 2-6pm.

Support available from Citizen's Advice, Credit Union, Skills 4 You, Groundwork & others.

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat - children welcome!

**FREE PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN AIR FRYER!**

For more information contact:  
[tamsin.beattie@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:tamsin.beattie@cumberland.gov.uk)



Family Hub On The Harbour,  
Swingpump Lane,  
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# Got an itch? Tummy trouble? Tickly cough?

NHS



## Head to your local pharmacy.

Did you know? Pharmacists across the North East and North Cumbria can offer advice and FREE treatment for a wide range of common conditions\* – just like having a prescription from your GP!

**Please ask your pharmacy team for more details and eligibility.**

**UTI's** non pregnant women 16-64 years

**Shingles** 18 years+

**Impetigo** 1 year+

**Sore throat** 5 years+

**Sinusitis** 12 years+

**Infected insect bites** 1 year+

**Earache** 1 to 17 years

Additional conditions can be treated, without the need to visit a GP. Ask a member of your pharmacy team about the minor ailments scheme.

### Step 1

Go to your local community pharmacy (chemist) about your illness and they will offer advice.

### Step 2

If needed, you will be offered treatment and if you qualify, this will be given free of charge.

### Step 3

A suitable medicine may be offered to you.\*

\*You qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for your prescriptions.



Find further information at:  
[www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health](http://www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health)

HERE  
TO  
HELP



# E-School Nurse Video Clinics

(By appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support** and **advice** for **parents**, carers and professionals who are **supporting children** and **young people** aged **5-19** years old.

## Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:

**[www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)**

You can telephone for an appointment

**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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**happierhealthiercommunities.**

## Attendance and punctuality



**Skiddaw** were our attendance winners for the with **100%**! Well done everyone! After a lot of illness recently, our attendance figures are on the rise again. The more children are in school the more the children have chances to succeed. Good attendance correlates strongly to good attainment and progress.

Our whole school attendance this week was **97.2%**, 3% higher than the Primary National of 94.2%.

Attendance %	Days present in a school year	Average number of days missed per term	Days missed in a school year
100%	190	0	0
90%	171	6.33	19
80%	152	12.66	38
70%	133	19	57
60%	114	25.33	76
50%	95	31.66	95

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost per year
- 10 minutes lost per day = 6 days lost per year
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost per year
- 20 minutes late every day = 13 days lost per year
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days lost per year

## Breakfast club/ After school club



Breakfast and After School Club Bookings are to be made in advance via our online system School Money. Please note that you cannot book via School Money on the day, all bookings must be made by midnight the day before. For emergency bookings at short notice you can still ring the school office. Feel free to book in for any odd sessions that your child would like to attend. Sessions run from 3.15pm-5.15pm. The cost is £5.50 for the session, and pick up can be anytime up until 5.15pm from the side entrance of the school on the top yard.

### **Activities**

Lots of different activities are provided each day for the children. They are welcome to choose from a variety of different games, crafts, construction and many other activities.

## Lunch Orders



School lunches need to be ordered through the School Money system. They can be ordered in advance for the rest of the half term but they must be ordered by the day before at the latest. If your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home, please ensure you select that option on School Money so that the office are aware. Packed lunches must not contain fizzy drinks or (as stated above) any items that contain or may contain nuts.

### St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School Menu Spring 2024/25



Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken Pieces in Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Carrots	French Bread Pineapple Pizza	Fish Fingers, Waffles and Tomato Ketchup	Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Mashed Potato and Beans
Options	Honey Roasted Salmon with Cous Cous	Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread	Chicken & Pepper in White Sauce with New Potatoes	Beef Curry & Rice	Sweet & Sour Chicken , Noodles and Peas
Vegetables	Broccoli		Peas	Sweetcorn	
To Order *	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie or Fruit	Fruit or Yoghurt	Raspberry Buns or Fruit	Yoghurt or Fruit Platter	St Clements Sponge & Custard or Fruit
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans.			*Wrap options, Ham, Cheese or Tuna.		

Please note that the regular air oil used in school cookery generally meets these

## Upcoming diary dates



Friday 7th February- 'Dream Jobs' STEM lego session for Skiddaw (through Altrad)

Monday 10th February- Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 11th February- Reception visit to Strudda Bank Farm, Seascale

\*\*\*\*\* **FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY** \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday 25th February- Library bus visit

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day

Friday 7th March- 'Dream Jobs' STEM lego session for Scafell (through Altrad)

Monday 10th March- Reception multi skills event at St Benedicts

Monday 17th March- Scholastic Book Fayre

Tuesday 18th March- U Dance Performances at the Carnegie Theatre- 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Wednesday 19th March- Parents meetings

Thursday 20th March- Parents meetings

Monday 31st March 2.45pm - Hawse End meeting for Year 2 parents

Tuesday 1st April- Easter Gardens for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Experience at the church for Year 1 and 2

Friday 4th April- End of the spring term.

- **Additional dates will be added in bold throughout the term**
- Catbells 'Dream Jobs' session is the following half term.

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